



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
for  
Inclusion of Options in a Task Order**

Task Order Number: **4QAG21097906**

**FINDINGS:**

The General Service Administration Federal Acquisition Service has a procurement request for The Program Executive Office (PEO) Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, Task Order 4QAG21097906 entitled Common Army Aviation Map.

In accordance with FAR 17.205(a), "The contracting officer shall justify in writing the quantities or the term under option, the notification period for exercising the option, and any limitation on option price under 17.203(g); and shall include the justification document in the contract file."

FAR 17.202(d) Use of Options, states, "In recognition of (1) The Government's need in certain service contracts for continuity of operations; and (2) The potential cost of disrupted support, options may be included in service contracts if there is an anticipated need for a similar service beyond the first contract period."

GSAM 517.202(a) Use of Options, Supplies or Services, states,

(1) You should use options when they meet one or more of the following objectives:

- (i) Reduce procurement lead time and associated costs.
  - (ii) Ensure continuity of contract support.
  - (iii) Improve overall contractor performance.
  - (iv) Facilitate longer term contractual relationships with those contractors that continually meet or exceed quality performance expectations.
- (2) An option is normally in the Government's interest in the following circumstances:
- (i) You anticipate a need for additional supplies or services during the contract term.
  - (ii) Multiyear contracting authority is not available or its use is inappropriate and you anticipate a need for additional supplies or services beyond the initial contract term.
  - (iii) There is a need for continuity of supply or service support.
  - (iv) Funds are not available for the entirety of the Government's needs, but are likely to become available during the contract term.
  - (v) The initial contract will be used to evaluate the performance of an emerging small business.

This task order will be for a base period (10 Months) and three (1 year) option period(s) for a total potential term of 09/30/2009 -07/31/2013. This period of performance (including option periods) was determined in coordination with the client agency. The anticipated duration of the requirement is anticipated to exceed the base period.

In accordance with 17.203(a), the contracting officer shall evaluate quotes for any option quantities or periods contained in a RFQ since the Government is likely to exercise the options.

Options periods may be exercised in accordance with procedures in FAR 17.207 and Clause 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract.

**DETERMINATION:**

The use of options under this task will reduce procurement lead time and associated costs for option periods; ensure continuity of contract support; improve contractor performance; and facilitate longer term contractual relationships with the contractors that meet or exceed quality performance expectations.

The use of options is determined to be in the Government's best interest since it is anticipated the additional option periods will be required; there is a probable need for continuity of service support; and funding under this task is not available at the time of task order award, but will likely become available during the task order term.

Based upon the above, it is the Contracting Officer's determination that the inclusion of options in this task is in the Government's best interest.

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